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April 2016 Luncheon Meeting

Mimi's Café

10515 N. Mopac Expy Nb., #O, Austin, TX 78758

11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Dr. Thomas Palaima

Robert M. Armstrong Centennial Professor
Department of Classics, College of Liberal Arts
University of Texas at Austin
MacArthur Genius Grant Recipient

**"War Stories Told, Untold, and Retold:
From Troy to Tinian to Fort Campbell"**

April Menu:

French onion soup, fresh baguettes
Iced or hot tea, coffee, soft drinks

Choice of:

A- Pot Roast

or

B- Chicken Pot Pie

or

C- Quiche Florentine

or

D- Salmon spinach salad

Dessert: Key lime pie

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance and menu choice by noon on
Tuesday, April 5

- By mail to TFSG, P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246, or
- By e-mail to Joe McLean at jmclean@computermoms.com, or
- By phone to Karen Jacks at 512-238-1909

Members \$24, guests accompanied by members \$30. AFSA and DACOR members may attend one luncheon, except for the December luncheon, at the member price. Lunch begins at noon. No new reservations after 12 noon on Tuesday, April 5. No-shows or cancellations after this date will be billed for their lunch.

Driving directions to **Mimi's Café** are attached.

Checks made out to TFSG and mailed in advance is our preferred payment method (P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763-0246). Please include your menu choice. Please also include a phone number or email address so we can confirm your reservation. All reservations are confirmed. If you do not get a confirmation, please contact us.

Memberships are \$30 per person for three years or \$12 per person per year. Memberships make excellent gifts for people who have spent years overseas and their family members. Some distant members move from dual membership to membership for one spouse, and we appreciate your support and your staying in contact.

About Our Speaker:

Thomas Palaima is the Robert M. Armstrong Centennial Professor and Director of the Program in Aegean Scripts and Prehistory in the Department of Classics at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Palaima received the UT Alumni/ae Association's Jean Holloway Award for Excellence in Teaching for the academic year 2003-2004 and the Plan II Chad Oliver Teaching Award in 2004-2005. He is a regular commentary writer for the *Austin American-Statesman* and is a regular reviewer and feature writer for the *Times Higher Education*. He has appeared on NPR nationally and in Austin and Boston, and on Wisconsin Public Radio. He has held Fulbright fellowships/professorships in Greece, Austria, and Spain. He has given speeches at West Point, the NSA, and other Washington groups.

Dr. Palaima was awarded a MacArthur fellowship for his work in Aegean prehistory and early Greek language and culture.

Additionally, from 2008-2011 he was the UT representative on the national Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics.

2016 Events of Interest:

Foreign Service Day

Friday, May 6, is Foreign Service Day. Please send suggestions to John for ways to publicize and celebrate this day (jsw69intadv@hotmail.com).

"The Gondoliers"

On Friday, June 17, TFSG members and their friends are invited to the annual gala dinner and summer production of the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin. The show is "The Gondoliers," at the Brentwood Christian School Theater, 11908 North Lamar. There is plenty of free parking. A retired FSO and lover of G&S has arranged a special price of only \$18 for TFSG members and their guests for both the show and the dinner on June 17. Checks may be made out to TFSG and mailed to P.O. Box 50246, Austin, TX 78763. An interesting review of "The Gondoliers" is at

<http://diamond.boisestate.edu/gas/gondoliers/html/>

Austin has several groups who bring in experts on various aspects of international affairs. Some of the upcoming major speakers are listed here. Please share this list with your friends.

Clements Center Events (University of Texas at Austin):

(<https://www.clementscenter.org/>)

Tuesday, March 1:

"Gender and U.S. Foreign Policy: How Elevating the Status of Women Globally Advances U.S. Interests"

Rachel Vogelstein, Council on Foreign Relations

Ms. Vogelstein is a senior fellow and director of the Women and Foreign Policy Program at CFR. From 2009 to 2012, Ms. Vogelstein was director of policy and senior advisor in the Office of Global Women's Issues within the Office of the Secretary of State at the U.S. Department of State.

Eastwoods Room, Union Building; 12:15pm

Thursday, March 3:

"Thinking Differently About Intelligence"

Carmen Medina, former Director of the CIA's Center for the Study of Intelligence

Carmen Medina has served as both Deputy Director for Intelligence at CIA and Director of the Center for the Study of Intelligence for a total of 32 years before her retirement from the CIA in 2010.

Sid Richardson Hall, Room 3.122; 12:15pm

Tuesday, March 29:

"Obama's Legacy in Afghanistan"

Jeff Eggers, former Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Mr. Eggers transitioned out of public service in May 2015, having served at the White House for six years under two Presidents, most recently as Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

Sid Richardson Hall, Room 3.122; 12:15pm

Monday-Tuesday, April 4-5:

"Russia and the West"

Conference co-sponsored by the Clements Center for National Security, German Marshall Fund of the United States, and the Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies

Glickman Conference Center, College of Liberal Arts (CLA Building)

Thursday, April 7:

"The Middle East and Terrorist Financing"

Mary Beth Long, former Assistant Secretary of Defense

Mary Beth Long is the first-ever Senate confirmed female Assistant Secretary of Defense and worked directly with Secretaries of Defense Rumsfeld and Gates on the Department's highest priority issues.

Eastwoods Room, Union Building; 12:15pm

Monday, April 11:

"The Obama Doctrine"

Colin Dueck, George Mason University

Colin Dueck is an Associate Professor in George Mason University's School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs. He studied politics at Princeton University, and international relations at Oxford under a Rhodes scholarship. He has published two books on American foreign and national security policies, *Hard Line: The Republican Party and U.S. Foreign Policy since World War II*, and *Reluctant Crusaders: Power, Culture, and Change in American Grand Strategy*.

Sid Richardson Hall, 3.122; 12:15pm

Tuesday, April 19:

"A Superpower Transforming: Power, Agency, and the Evolution of the Pax America"

Daniel Sargent, University of California Berkeley

Daniel J. Sargent is associate professor of history at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of *A Superpower Transformed: The Remaking of American Foreign Relations in the 1970s* (Oxford University Press, 2015) and a co-editor of *The Shock of the Global: The 1970s in Perspective* (Harvard University Press, 2010).

Eastwoods Room, Union Building; 12:15pm

Wednesday, April 20:

"Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech"

James Williams, Director of the National Churchill Museum

Sid Richardson Hall, Bass Lecture Hall; 5:15pm

Strauss Center Events (University of Texas at Austin):

(<https://www.strausscenter.org/>)

Sunday, March 13:

"Threats on the Horizon: From Terror to Hunger"

A SXSW Interactive session examining the range of current threats facing the global community.

3TEN at ACL Live; 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22:

"Robots in American Law"

Sheffield Room, UT School of Law; 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 24:

"Encryption, Security, and Privacy"

Room 3.124, Sid Richardson Hall, UT Austin; 12:15 p.m.

Monday, April 11:

"The Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence – History and Vision"

Eastwoods Room, Texas Union (UNB 2.102); 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13:

"Thinking About Global Futures"

Room 3.122, Sid Richardson Hall, UT Austin; 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19:

"Countering Violent Extremism"

Room 3.122, Sid Richardson Hall, UT Austin; 12:15 p.m.

Kozmetsky Center Events (St. Edward's University):

(<https://www.stedwards.edu/kozmetzky-center>)

On **Monday, March 21**, we will host Dr. Jeffrey Haynes to present a lecture on **Religion and International Security**. Dr. Haynes is Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict, and Cooperation at London Metropolitan University, Convener of the European Consortium for Political Research's Religion and Politics Standing Group, and chair of the International Political Science Association's Research Committee on Religion and Politics. This event will take place from 12:00-1:00pm in Carter Auditorium.

On Wednesday, April 13, we will host a conference on Comparative Global/Regional Migration and Displacement Challenges: Exploring Security & Moral Dimensions in Forming Policy & Civic Responses, with panels considering the academic and policy dimensions of contemporary migration challenges from a comparative perspective, focusing particularly on issues and case studies in Europe, Eurasia, and U.S.-Mexico/Central America. Experts will present research findings from these regions and consider the moral and security dimensions of migration management. This will be the second conference event on transatlantic security funded by a U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Program grant in cooperation with the Center for European Studies and Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at University of Texas, Austin. The conference panel sessions will be held throughout the day with opportunities for students and members of the community to participate.

TFSG Information:

Our speakers send us suggestions for the bibliographies we prepare to accompany their speech. We post the bibliographies on our website, www.TFSG.org/luncheons.html, and mail copies to members with U.S. addresses but without access to email. The website contains all past bibliographies. Several members share our website with family and friends and we encourage all members to do so. The website also lists publications, writings, and speeches by past speakers and present TFSG members. We review the "Links" page on the website several times per year for needed additions or deletions, and suggestions are always welcomed. Send corrections for any page on the website to John at jsw69intadv@hotmail.com.

Members are encouraged to invite guests to any of our first four luncheons of the year. There are always door prizes, such as books, coupons for free meals, lottery tickets, chocolates, and prizes tied to special days such as Valentine's Day.

In Memoriam:

There will be a memorial service for Russell Prickett at University United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m. The church is at 2409 Guadalupe. His daughters will be there and we hope Russ' friends will attend. His full obituary is attached.

Russell Prickett began his Foreign Service career with the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. in 1959. His overseas postings included Basel, Switzerland; Vienna, Austria; Tokyo, Japan; and Belgrade in the former Yugoslavia. During two separate assignments in Yugoslavia, Russ served as Commercial Attaché and Economic Counselor. He is co-author of "Yugoslav-American Economic Relations Since World War II." Upon retirement, he and his wife moved to Austin, where he was a member of University United Methodist Church, the Austin Lyric Opera, and TFSG. Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center, University United Methodist Church in Austin, WETA/Classical Radio in Washington, D.C., or in support of any music program.

We maintain a book of obituaries of TFSG members and bring it to most luncheons.

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